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	TACOMA, WASHINGTON DECEMBER 1, 2004			
The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/WSCC) met in regular session December 1, 2004 at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma, Washington. Commission Chair Eriksen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.				
SU	MMARY OF MOTIONS & ACTION ITEMS			
1.	Approval of Consent Agenda Items:  Commissioner Boyum moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of WSCC September 16, 2004 Meeting Minutes, State Parks Centennial 2013 Plan Support Letter, and Natural Resource Conservation Service Contribution Agreement. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.			
2.	2005-07 Implementation Grants Program			
	Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed three options for calculation of overhead. 1) 25% overhead calculated on all projects salary and benefits, 2) Direct costing of all overhead expenses, 3) 10% calculated on the total amount of grant award. Commissioner Peters seconded Motion passed.			
	Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed determination of funding levels based on Water Quality outcomes. Commissioner Faulconer seconded. Motion passed			
	Commissioner Stoker moved to accept the proposed change in the definition for implement activities to enable and support conservation district decisions for achieving outcomes. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.			
	Commissioner Stoker moved to approve the proposed report outcomes based on the total project, to include the Water Quality Implementation Grant Portion and the match for portion. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.			
	Commissioner Stoker moved to approve the proposal to examine the feasibility of using Technical Service Provider funds as match for Water Quality Implementation Grants. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.			
3.	Othello/Upper Grant Conservation District Consolidation Commissioner Brown moved to approve the consolidation request from the Upper Grant and Othello Conservation Districts to create Grant Conservation District. Commissioner Bahrych second. Motion passed. Commission Stoker recused himself.			
4.	Puget Sound Georgia Basin Research Conference Commissioner Brown moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the 2005 Puget Sound Georgia Basin Research Conference contribution. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion passed.			
<i>5</i> .	Support to WSU for Research Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed letter of support to the Washington State University for Phytophthora ramorum research. Commissioner Stoker seconded. Motion passed.			
6.	Engineering Clustering Commissioner Brown requested that Commission staff make legislators aware of these issues so they are informed.			

7.	Coordinated	Resource	Management	<b>Program</b>
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- 2 Commissioner Boyum moved to approve Commission staff work cooperatively with Washington
- 3 State University and the Department of Ecology to transfer the Coordinated Resource
- 4 Management Program and fund management to the Conservation Commission, so that in the
- 2007-09 Biennium the funding would be included in the Conservation Commission budget. 5
- Commissioner Stoker seconded. Motion passed. 6

### 8. Dairy Nutrient Management Program

8 Commissioner Brown moved to formally request from the Director of the Department of

- Agriculture that the conservation districts be included in the legislation with the purpose of 9
- providing technical assistance for planning, installation of plans, and certifying that the plans 10
- and their installation meets NRCS technical standards. Commissioner Peters seconded. Motion 11
- passed. Commissioner Faulconer voted no. 12

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#### **ATTENDEES**

#### 15 **Commission Members** Commission Staff

- Mark Clark, Executive Director Tracy Eriksen, Chair 16
- Jim Peters, Vice Chair Mary Anderson, Executive Assistant 17
- Ed Adams, Member, WSU Stu Trefry, Field Service Manager 18
- Lynn Bahrych, Member Debbie Becker, Administrative Programs 19
- Jaclyn Reid, Member 20
- Paul Stoker, Member, WACD Bill Broughton, Field Service Manager 21
- 22 Bill Boyum, Member, DNR Butch Ogden, Field Service Manager Lynn Brown, Member Ray Ledgerwood, Program Coordinator 23
- Lee Faulconer, Member, AG Jon Culp, IE Program Manager 24
- Dave Peeler, Member, ECY Cheryl Witt, Contracts Specialist 25

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#### 27 Guests

- 28 John Larson, WADE
- 29 Millard Deusen, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Dale Wentworth, Upper Grant
- 30 Rod Hamilton, USDA FSA
- 31 Gus Hughbanks, NRCS
- 32 Fred Colvin, WACD
- Kim Simpson, Okanogan CD 33
- 34 Karen Hand, Upper Grant CD
- Roger Short, Jefferson CD 35
- John McLean, Foster Creek CD 36
- Bobbi Lindemulder, King CD 37
- Jay Gordon, Dairy Federation 38

Tom Salzer, Field Service Manager

Melodie Selby, Water Quality, DOE

Max Prinsen, King CD

Paul Nee, Pierce CD

Marie Lotz, Othello CD

David Kester, Warden CD

Dale Pomeroy, Warden CD

Bob Allison, Warden CD

John Preston, Warden CD

Richard Zones, South Douglas CD

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#### ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

- 41 Due to the time constraints, Chair Eriksen noted that Items 6, 7, (informational) are removed from the
- preliminary agenda. Item 8, there are five additions. Item 10, first bullet removed with one addition. There 42
- will be an executive session held at the end of the meeting. Some of the items were brought forward at a 43
- different time than stated on the preliminary agenda. 44

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)	SEPTEMBER 2004 WSCC COMMISSION MEETING ACTION UPDATE	S

Mark Clark, Executive Director, gave an update from the previous Commission meeting action items.

• After discussion with the Benton County Farm Service Agency Committee, it was determined that a letter was not necessary.

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#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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#### INTRODUCTIONS: MEMBER AND PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

- 14 Millard Duesen, Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 15 Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) Financial assistance to private landowners for the protection,
- 16 enhancement, or restoration of habitat to benefit "species at risk" on privately owned lands. Project
- 17 applications are due on or prior to December 31, 2004
- 18 John Larson, Washington Association of District Employees (WADE)
- 19 Washington Association of District Employees (WADE) Appreciation for past financial support for the
- 20 conference and hoping for support in 2005.
- 21 Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD) Executive Director Mr. Larson has accepted
- 22 the position as Executive Director for WACD and will begin in January 2005.
- 23 Rod Hamilton, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- 24 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Eight counties have reached the cap. The national cap in place
- 25 will be reached shortly as well.
- 26 Gus Hughbanks, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- 27 NRCS Omnibus Bill
- 28 Budget overall looks pretty good considering the cuts that have taken place.
- 29 Commissioner Dave Peeler, Department of Ecology
- 30 Commission designee –Linda Hoffman, Director of Ecology, will wait for the new Governor to appoint an
- 31 Ecology representative. Commissioner Peeler is still the official designee. Because of workload priorities,
- 32 Melodie Selby will attend Commission meetings in his place
- 33 Water Quality Issues Conservation districts represent approximately 40% of the \$150 million requested
- 34 funding. A draft funding list will be prepared by the end of December and submitted to the legislature for
- 35 comment on the capital budget.
- 36 Septic Systems Remains an issue within the counties.
- 37 Commissioner Lynn Bahrych, Washington Environmental Council
- 38 Energy Bills Agriculture Energy Work Group of the Energy Coalition renewable energy resources and
- 39 their creative methods in development will be interesting to watch unfold. www.agenergy.info.
- 40 Commissioner Lee Faulconer, Washington Department of Agriculture
- 41 Livestock Budget Package Valoria Loveland, Director thanked the Commission for their support and
- 42 appreciated the opportunity in working together. The Department will share the decision package when it
- 43 is completed with the Commission.

- 1 Commissioner Ed Adams, Washington State University, College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural
- 2 Resource Sciences (WSU CAHNRS)
- 3 New Hire Hans Kok, Ph.D, Extension Specialist/Conservation Tillage Specialist, Crop & Soil Sciences.
- 4 Mr. Kok is from the Netherlands. He will be serving in many capacities.
- 5 Commissioner Jackie Reid, WACD Western Regional Representative
- 6 New WACD Western Regional Representative Commissioner Reid has served as a Commission Member
- 7 since 1992. Bob Barker, Chair of the Whatcom Conservation has been elected to serve as a Commission
- 8 Member as the district representative from the Western region. Commissioner Reid knows that he will be a
- 9 great addition to the board and will take office at the January 2005 Commission Meeting.

11 WSCC COMMISSION GRANTS PROGRAM

- 12 Grants Policy Advisory Committee 2005-07 Implementation Grants Program Recommendations
- 13 Cheryl Witt, Contracts Specialist, presented the Committee's Recommendations.
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- Work to acquire \$4 million for the 2005-07 WQ Implementation Grants Program. This amount is included
- in the current budget request.
- 17 **Priority 2**
- Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed three options for calculation of overhead. 1) 25% overhead calculated on all projects salary and benefits, 2) Direct costing of all overhead expenses, 3) 10% calculated on the total amount of grant award. Commissioner Peters seconded. Motion passed.
- 23 A discussion was held on the average grant monetary difference. Currently, the salary & benefits costs for
- 24 administrative personnel are not included in the calculation of the 25% overhead. It is proposed for the
- 25 05-07 biennium that the 25% calculation be based on all project salaries & benefits.
- 26 Commissioner Brown asked for the Commission staff recommendation. Ms. Witt recommended that the
- 27 Commission approve the requests.
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Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed determination of funding levels based on Water Quality outcomes. Commissioner Faulconer seconded. Motion passed

32 Priority 4

Commissioner Stoker moved to accept the proposed change in the definition for implement activities to enable and support conservation district decisions for achieving outcomes. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.

37 **Priority 5** 

Commissioner Stoker moved to approve the proposed report outcomes based on the total project, to include the Water Quality Implementation Grant Portion and the match for portion. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.

- 42 Priority 6
- Commissioner Stoker moved to approve the proposal to examine the feasibility of using Technical Service Provider funds as match for Water Quality Implementation Grants. Commissioner Reid seconded. Motion passed.

# 1 Grant Staff Report

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- 2 Cheryl Witt, Contracts Specialist, gave a summary of the Grants Staff report and activities. In January
- 3 there may be action required on grant extensions.

# 5 WSCC LEGAL BUSINESS

# 6 Upper Grant and Othello Conservation District Consolidation

- 7 A letter was given to the Commission from the Grant County Board of Commissioners in support of the
- 8 consolidation as well as the signed petition from the Othello and Upper Grant Conservation Districts.
- 9 There was unanimous agreement to the consolidation. Another letter is forthcoming from the Adams
- 10 Board of County Commissioners.
- 11 Tom Salzer, Field Service Manager summarized the Commissions previous history in consolidations
- approval and distributed additional draft information provided by the Assistant Attorney General.
- 13 Commission staff suggested that the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) may be the most appropriate
- and equitable way to handle procedures for consolidations in the future.
- 15 RCW 89.08.180 outlines the process for consolidating two or more conservation districts. Currently, no
- administrative process is in place. Historically, the Commission has approved the consolidation when all
- parties are in agreement. An exception occurred with the North and South Palouse Conservation District's
- 18 petition in 1974 in which the Commission tabled any action until the following meeting in order to
- determine the wishes of the district voters.
- 20 Commissioner Stoker recused himself from voting but would like the opportunity to address the
- 21 Commission as a district supervisor. Commissioner Stoker is with the Othello Conservation District.
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding public notice and the APA. It was agreed that in the future, a
- 23 procedure would be helpful in petitions for consolidation.
- 24 Concern was raised from John Preston of the Warden Conservation District regarding the quick pace of
- 25 the consolidation. The consolidation would put parts of Adams County in three different conservation
- districts. The Warden Conservation District supports the consolidation but would encourage a public
- 27 notice process so that stakeholders are informed. Mr. Preston urged the Commission to slow down.
- 28 Commissioner Boyum asked representatives of the Othello and Upper Grant District conservation districts
- 29 if there had been sufficient outreach by supervisors to the bordering conservation districts and if the
- farmers would be adversely or proactively hurt by this consolidation.
- 31 John Larson of the Upper Grant Conservation District responded that there have been numerous meetings
- 32 with the staff of the Othello and Upper Grant districts, Commissioner Stoker, speaking on behalf of the
- 33 Othello Conservation District, responded that there have been three official board meetings within the last
- three years. This petition is the conclusion of those meetings. Meetings were held with both the Adams
- and Grant Boards of County Commissioners which would meet the public notice requirement. No negative
- 36 responses were received from the public at these meetings.
- 37 Existing conservation district offices would continue to be in operation; only the operating finances would
- 38 be consolidated. A Memo of Understanding has been signed by both districts as to how the two districts
- 39 with be combined financially. Mark Clark, Executive Director for the Commission stated that grant
- 40 monies for each district will continue through this biennium.
- 41 Dale Wentworth of Upper Grant Conservation District referred to the consolidation of the Quincy
- 42 Conservation District. Upper Grant Conservation District spoke to constituents and they were in support of
- 43 the consolidation.
- 44 Commissioner Peeler inquired if there was an urgency to take action at this meeting or if further
- consideration be given if there are discontented constituents. He suggested that publishing a legal notice in

- 1 the affected areas prior to the January Commission meeting would provide proof of a public notice to
- 2 constituents.
- 3 The petitioning districts stated they believe they have complied with the statute and requirements to
- consolidate and the Board of County Commissioners are supportive. The district is in the process of hiring 4
- 5 a new district manager. It would be helpful in recruiting to know how many supervisors the position would
- 6 be reporting to. The districts have been in limbo for 60 days and spring projects will be starting up in
- February. It would be a smoother transition for the districts if they could move forward with this 7
- 8 consolidation immediately.
- 9 A discussion ensued regarding any adverse effects on the districts of approving this consolidation at this
- time. It was determined that the districts would not be adversely affected whether they vote now or at the 10
- 11 next meeting. Mr. Pomeroy of the Warden Conservation District stated that some of the landowners are
- 12 not comfortable with the consolidation.
- Commissioner Brown stated that action on the consolidation would not preclude anything from happening; 13
- service to the landowners would not be affected. The change would only be in the number of supervisors 14
- 15 serving the district. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Pomeroy if the Warden Conservation District wanted
- to consolidate with Othello and Upper Grant Conservation Districts. Mr. Pomeroy stated that the district 16
- was never asked, but that the opportunity is there to consider. 17

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the consolidation request from the Upper Grant and Othello Conservation Districts to create Grant Conservation District. Commissioner Bahrych second. Motion passed. Commission Stoker recused himself.

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- 22 A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Assistant Attorney General's opinion on consolidation and
- possible repercussions. Since there are no formal policies in place, the Commission has nothing to fall 23
- back on legally if there is a legal challenge. 24
- 25 Mr. Clark gave a quick overview of the steps that will follow in consolidating the districts. A certificate of
- consolidation along with the appropriate documentation will be sent to the Secretary of State who then 26
- approves and issues a certificate for the new conservation district completes the consolidation. 27
- At Mr. Clark's request, Mr. Wentworth of the Upper Grant Conservation District will send the financial 28
- Memorandum of Understanding between the consolidating districts to the Commission for our records. 29
- Commissioner Bahrych suggested that the issues raised by the Assistant Attorney General on public notice 30
- be discussed further. 31
- Culvert Litigation United States v. Washington (Boldt II) 32
- Tom Salzer, Field Service Manager, gave an update on the case. The Commission was notified by 33
- 34 Sharonne O'Shea', Assistant Attorney General that after two years of attempted negotiation in settlement
- hearings, this case has be reactivated. A pretrial scheduling order directs that no later than February 1, 35
- 2004, "each party shall update answers provided under 1st and 2nd waves of discovery." Commission staff 36
- will evaluate discovery responses provided in 2001 and 2002 to determine which items may require 37
- 38 updating.
- 39 A discussion followed. Commission Peeler noted that there are many other state agencies that are involved
- 40 in this case.

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CREP UPDATE
Debbie Becker, Administrative Programs, based on resolutions at WACD and interest as indicated in the Shared Strategy draft, staff will be presenting a white paper proposing to add additional practices to the State's CREP agreement. This proposal will be presented in January for Commissioner's approval.
DAIRY APPEALS UPDATE
Debbie Becker, Administrative Programs, announced that ten additional dairy appeals will be conducted on December 13, 2004, from the previous round of dairy hearings. The parties will be asking for extensions on the extensions granted through the first round of dairy appeal hearings.
Ms. Becker noted that Commissioner Faulconer and Nora Mena will sit on the panel representing the Department of Agriculture. One Commission member is needed to participate on the panel. Commissioner Peters will let Ms. Becker know his availability to participate in the hearing.
COMMISSION OPERATIONS
Mark Clark, Executive Director presented the following information.
Priorities of Government (POG) The POG efforts have been published and are available on the Office of Financial Management website.
Puget Sound Action Team and Georgia Basin Action Plan Request  Mr. Clark informed the Commission on the 2005 Puget Sound Georgia Basin Research Conference which will be held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center in Seattle on March 29-31, 2005. A letter was written to the Commission from the Puget Sound Action Team and Georgia Basin Action Plan solicited for a sponsorship for this conference. Since the Commission participates on the Puget Sound Action Team, it would be appropriate to support.
A discussion was held regarding districts and other agencies participation in this conference. Districts and agencies have participated in this conference. There was also discussion on the level of support to give.
Commissioner Bahrych would like to attend this conference.
Commissioner Brown moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the 2005 Puget Sound Georgia Basin Research Conference contribution. Commissioner Adams seconded. Motion passed.
WSU Request for a Letter of Support on PR Research Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed letter of support to the Washington State University for Phytophthora ramorum research. Commissioner Stoker seconded. Motion passed.
Permission was given to sign the letter from Chair Eriksen and Vice Chair Peters.
Engineering Cluster Meeting A meeting was held on December 29, 2004, regarding the general issues with engineers and providing services to the cluster. Ray Ledgerwood, Program Coordinator, facilitated the meeting. There is no resolution yet, but action items were identified.
Commissioner Brown suggested that the legislators be informed of the issues so they can respond if those issues are brought to them.

# 1 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Request For Proposal

- 2 A Request for Proposal was submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for development and
- 3 administration of the Grassroots Action for Salmon Protection (GASP) Conservation District Small Grants
- 4 Program.

# 5 Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) Update

- 6 CRM was typically funded through Ecology to provide staff and expenditures inside the taskforce. Over
- 7 the last year and a half the program has been in the process of being transferred to Washington State
- 8 University (WSU). WSU is now the lead agency.

Commissioner Boyum moved to approve Commission staff work cooperatively with Washington State University and the Department of Ecology to transfer the Coordinated Resource Management Program and fund management to the Conservation Commission, so that in the 2007-09 Biennium the funding would be included in the Conservation Commission budget. Commissioner Stoker seconded. Motion passed.

A discussion was held. WSU has great staff working on this program transfer to provide better participation in the CRM process.

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#### LIVESTOCK NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- 19 Nora Mena of the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), gave an update on the draft bill
- 20 for legislation of the Livestock Nutrient Management Program proposed by the WSDA's Livestock
- 21 Development and Oversight Committee (LDOC) Advisory Committee which consisted of the livestock
- industry, Washington Association of Conservation Districts, shellfish growers and other interested parties.
- There will be at least one more draft version prior to finalizing a version for introduction. There is still
- 24 room for more discussion, but there is a limited time frame. The draft bill is necessary as a mechanism to
- 25 develop regulations.
- The draft bill continues the program with the same requirements for dairies. The only difference will be in
- 27 the procedures. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) will continue to reside with WSDA and
- 28 will be incorporated into the statute to administer the program. It will allow WSDA the tools necessary to
- 29 manage the program and establish a CAFO program with specific capital requirements. Minimum federal
- 30 requirements should be the same. The legislation is designed to match federal requirements.
- In the past, the Dairy Nutrient Management Plans were approved by the conservation districts and certified
- by the operators and districts. Because WSDA will enforce the program, it is proposed for WSDA to
- approve the plan instead of conservation districts. The duties of the districts currently in the legislative
- wording will be struck out. This will enforce the message that it is statute and will include the necessary
- 35 regulatory actions for WSDA.
- 36 A discussion on striking conservation districts in the language began. There is still time for limited
- 37 additions to propose to the Director of Agriculture. It was noted that the bulk of the planning is done by
- 38 conservations districts and the ongoing maintenance is the responsibility of the districts. The Commission
- 39 budget request includes technical assistance and cost share for this activity.
- 40 Districts should have some type of relationship in the legislation to these plans. It would be helpful to the
- 41 producers and the Department of Agriculture. The districts have specific tasks to accomplish that should
- 42 be included in the legislation. Districts provide a third party viewpoint. If the districts create the plan it is
- 43 appropriate for them to sign. If a private consultant creates the plan, the consultant should sign it. The
- industry wanted to include options for the producers.

- 1 Legislation recognizes the technical standard of NRCS but language needs to be included to allow for
- 2 alternatives. Rules have to be written so that they can be regulated. Tiers will be included in the
- 3 legislation.

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- 4 The majority of the institutional expertise for planning and installation of these systems rests with NRCS
- 5 and the conservation districts and that it would be wise to continue to use the expertise that has been
- 6 established. It was agreed that a consultant is able to perform these tasks as well. There was agreement that
- 7 the provision for the districts be included in the statute and that it is appropriate for the Department to have
- 8 final approval. There was concern that a new process is established and working well.
  - Commissioner Brown moved to formally request from the Director of the Department of Agriculture that the conservation districts be included in the legislation with the purpose of providing technical assistance for planning, installation of plans, and certifying that the plans and their installation meets NRCS technical standards. Commissioner Peters seconded. Motion passed. Commissioner Faulconer voted no.
- 15 Discussion followed on the language and the importance of the conservation districts inclusion.
- 16 Commission staff proposed amendments to the draft legislation to maintain the spirit of the legislation to
- only focus on activities of WSDA but also inserts references to conservation district activities that are
- 18 necessary to solidify in statute their traditional role of being the primary avenue for providing needed
- 19 technical and implementation assistance to landowners. The proposed language is included in the memo to
- 20 Mark Clark dated November 24, 2004.
- 21 The WACD Livestock Taskforce had concerns as well and requested to WSDA that districts be formally
- 22 included in the legislation in the certification of the livestock nutrient management plans. Concern was
- 23 raised from the Taskforce regarding request for CAFO funding.
- 24 Ultimately, the plan is the responsibility of the producer. This process is to build a relationship between
- 25 the landowner and regulator. It was acknowledged that the districts help protect the producers when they
- approve the plans and that a good relationship exists between the landowners and the districts. NRCS
- appreciates and values the districts local knowledge and understanding of what needs to be done locally
- 28 because site specifics vary.
- 29 It was noted that the shellfish growers had concerns regarding language in the proposed draft bill.
- 30 Legislation will be brought before the Environmental Protection Agency for review.
- Jay Gordon of the State Dairy Federation and Commissioner Brown offered to meet with the Department
- 32 of Agriculture on the concerns raised.

# FIELD OPERATIONS REPORT

35 Field Service Manager, Stu Trefry spoke on behalf of the Field Service Managers (FSMs).

### 36 Eastern Region – Bill Broughton, FSM

- *Planning and leadership exercise being held in the regions.*
- Northeast Engineering Cluster working hard to address issues by meeting monthly.

#### 39 Central Region – Butch Ogden, FSM

- Local Work Groups are completed and approved.
- Moses Lake has sold the property and is doing well.

## 42 Puget Sound Region – Stu Trefry, FSM

- Long range planning.
- Great success at the Skagit Conservation District awards ceremony.
- Mr. Trefry attended numerous meetings on behalf of the Commission.
- Engineering Cluster issues.

Southwest Region - Tom Salzer, FSM

2 3	<ul> <li>Contract for audit services with the State Auditor has been amended.</li> <li>State Envirothon Committee drafted strategic plan and two-year work plan.</li> </ul>
4	<ul> <li>Superb annual meeting at the Kitsap Conservation District</li> </ul>
5 6 7 8	Local Workgroups Ray Ledgerwood, Programs Coordinator, reported that long range planning is taking place within the local workgroups.
9	PUBLIC COMMENTS
10 11	John McLean, Supervisor at Foster Creek Conservation Commission acknowledged the Commission and staff in appreciation and thanks for their involvement with the conservation districts.
12 13 14	WACD thanks the Commission for their financial support in the 2004 WACD Annual Conference and participation of the Commission and staff as well as the recommendation of conference guest speaker, Randy Frazier.
15 16	EXECUTIVE SESSION
17 18	Chair Eriksen went into executive session for discussion on the Executive Director's evaluation at 5:00 p.m.
19	Chair Eriksen called the meeting back to order at 5:35 p.m.
<ul><li>20</li><li>21</li></ul>	NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
22	Regular Commission Meeting:
23	January 19, 2005
2 <u>4</u> 25	Field Tour and no host Interaction Dinner coordinated by the Lewis County CD
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27	Regular Commission Meeting
28	Best Western Park Place
29	Heritage Room
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31 32	Chehalis, Washington
33	ADJOURNMENT
34	Chair Eriksen adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.